



ASIA: JAPAN

What are the most significant global issues facing us today?

Increasing size of mentally unbalanced or unstable population (whether because of a stressful social system or because of the decline in face-to-face communication).

What do you see as the main innovations happening around the world, those which are game changing and/ or disruptive?

New treatments or therapeutics in medical and healthcare fields; immunotherapy; induced pluripotent stem cells; mind-body interventions.

What do you see as the main innovations in the spa/wellness industry (existing and future)?

Emergence of a concept of “Comprehensive health care”; coverage from legitimate medical practice to fitness programs; possibilities for allocating total medical cost to alternative or complementary medical services.

What do you see as the greatest opportunities/challenges for the global spa and wellness industry?

Deregulation of various medical-related services except for legitimate medical practice; reduction of stresses accompanying medical treatment such as examination, operation and administration.

What are some practical ways for businesses to create a climate for creativity and innovation?

Diversified communication.

Free and open exchange of views and ideas between business and academics.

Precise and convenient translation system to exchange ideas and opinion among different languages.

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